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Feb. 27, 1922.

Mrs. Ada T. Ralls,

Keuka, Fla.

Dear Madam:

For many years we have tried to maintain a full file of descriptive catalogues from those engaged in the American seed trade. These catalogues are of great use to us in our investigations, and our library of seed catalogues is being used more and more by investigators and by seedsmen themselves. It is now one of the largest collections of such literature in existence.

Will you be kind enough therefore, to send us two copies each of all your descriptive catalogues of field, vegetable and flower seeds and bulbs, for the current year. One copy is for office use, one for our Department library file. These publications may be sent postage free under the enclosed frank. Please mail to the exact address below.

Very truly yours,

W. N. Shouemaker
Horticulturist,

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

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HORTICULTURAL AND BOTANICAL
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Mr. W. C. Winters
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and to thank you for the information contained therein. I have directed that the Bureau of Plant Industry shall make a thorough investigation of the subject, and will keep you fully advised of the results of the same. I am, very truly yours, W. C. Winters, Secretary.

W. C. Winters

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Rallsmere, Mannville, Fla. (or Keuka, N.Y.) March 31, 1922.

Mr. D.N. Shoemaker,
U.S. Dep. of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

My dear sir:

I trust you will pardon the delay in answering your two very kind letters with the enclosed request for a catalogue of my seeds and plants.

Your first was not answered for the reason that I was contemplating getting out a catalogue. But I have delayed the same as I am under process of standardizing my wonderful hybrids by a rigid adherence to a perfect type by seed selection-please read enclosed circular.

I am devoting almost my entire time to growing these hybrids, and to an improved bell pepper; an improved tomato, both sports from these hybrids; and a salad and seasoning pepper, which is a cayenne pepper crossed with the hybrid pepper-tomato.

When my catalogue is issued, will take pleasure in sending you the two copies requested.

I am also growing the citrus fruits, pecans, etc., and hope to be able to have on hand a small nursery by next season.

Possibly you might be interested in my boll weevil remedy that came to me thru a relative who was negotiating with the U.S. Government to try out his remedy, when suddenly stricken with death. After many years of experimental work, he claimed it entirely effective. I have some Government cotton now in its third year of

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growth, and not a weevil. This section has been abandoned as to cotton production on account of the entire losses from the weevils.

A farmer in Cotton News, who accidentally stumbled on two of the ingredients of my cousin's Remedy, made nine bales to three on the same acreage, where it was used, and not used.

Thanking you for the interest contained in your letters, I am

Very Sincerely,

Probably Miss Ada J. Ralls
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